## **ABSTRACT**

The projector 1 comprises A projector includes a light source device 411, source, a color separating optical system 42, system, liquid crystal panels 441, 441R, 441G and 441B, panels, a cross dichroic prism 444, prism, and a projection lens 46, lens, in which an optical filter 500-filter is disposed for reflecting to reflect a predetermined spectral component in the light flux between a dichroic mirror 421-mirror and a dichroic mirror 422-mirror where an angle by which the light flux expands falls within 20° with respect to an illumination optical axis L of the light flux on an optical path from the light source device 411-device to a light flux-emitting surface of the projecting lens 46-lens. Thus, carrying out spectrum correction can reduce or prevent the contrast degradation of the projected image. Furthermore, it allows the difference of an incident angle to the light flux-incident surface of the light flux to be smaller, thereby reducing color unevenness.